

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

THE CAT IN THE HAT - The Cat In The Hat is the essence of mischief, fun, and imagination. The Cat stirs things up, causes trouble, but always sets things right again, helping Jojo to discover the power of his own imagination as they create the story for the show together. The role requires a physically adept actor to play The Cat, one who will be able to play many comic cameos and is comfortable improvising with an audience.

Voice Part: Soprano or Tenor

Vocal Range top: D6 D5

Vocal Range bottom: Bb4 Bb3

JOJO - Jojo is a “Thinker”, a smart child with a wild imagination. Jojo can be played as being a little bit awkward, a little bit of a loner, or simply a rambunctious kid whose Thinks get him into constant trouble. By the end of the show, he learns what it means to be a responsible member of the world, using the power and possibilities of his own Thinks.

Voice Part: Soprano or Alto

Vocal Range top: D6 D6

Vocal Range bottom: Bb4 Bb4

HORTON THE ELEPHANT - Horton The Elephant is a gentle giant. Think of him as a big-hearted blue collar guy who is steadfast, responsible and always tries to do the right thing for his friends. He is imaginative and receptive to the world around him. He is very un-self-conscious. Horton’s view of the world never changes - he believes in its goodness. But by the end of the show, without even realizing it, he is ready to become a parent.

Voice Part: Tenor/Baritone

Vocal Range top: E6

Vocal Range bottom: A4

GERTRUDE McFUZZ - Gertrude McFuzz is very self-conscious and aware that her one-feather tail isn’t perfect. Gertrude changes during the show from a neurotic, nervous and shy bird into one with the power to protect and care for a baby elephant bird and commit herself to Horton. In other words, she stops worrying about her looks and grows up.

Voice Part: Soprano

Vocal Range top: Eb5

Vocal Range bottom: F3

MAYZIE LA BIRD - Mayzie La Bird is self-centered, selfish, and vain. Mayzie will never admit to her own flaws. She manipulates anyone she can (especially Horton) into doing what she wants. But Mayzie isn’t all bad. In giving up her egg to Horton once and for all, she has a

moment of generosity-she realizes she isn't the kind of person who would be a good parent, and she does the best thing she can for the egg.

Voice Part: Soprano/Alto

Vocal Range top: E5

Vocal Range bottom: G#3

SOUR KANGAROO - Sour Kangaroo isn't really sour at all. She's just got a lot of attitude. She's loud, brassy, and a lot of fun.

Voice Part: Soprano/Alto

Vocal Range top: Eb6

Vocal Range bottom: A3

GENERAL GENGUS KHAN SCHMITZ - General Schmitz is bursting with pride at the military academy he runs, and the soldiers he turns out. He is not sadistic, mean or abusive. He is proud! He is doing the right thing for his soldiers! He is making the world a better place! This makes him a comic character, because it's clear he's so misguided. Please don't play him a villain or a bully. By the end of the show, he's discovered that making war may not be the right thing to do, and that adults can learn from children as well.

THE WICKERSHAM BROTHERS - The Wickersham Brothers are not bad guys! They're simply a lot like kids who tease, play pranks, and get a kick out of making mischief, although often at others' expense. They enjoy hanging around with one another, making music together on the street corner, and playing off one another. Actors should try to find their own Wickersham persona.

Voice Part: Varied ranges

Vocal Range top: G5

Vocal Range bottom: A3

THE WHOS - The Whos are a lot like you and me, only so small as to be invisible. Don't think of them as weird little aliens. They should be played for their inherent humanity. Everyone playing a Who should try and create his or her unique character.

Voice Part: Varied ranges

Vocal Range top: D#5

Vocal Range bottom: G3

MR. MAYOR - Mr. and Mrs. Mayor are Whos who are parents trying hard to raise a difficult child in a difficult world. They may get aggravated with Jojo, but they love him dearly and try to do the right thing, even if it turns out to be a mistake.

Voice Part: Tenor/Baritone

Vocal Range top: A6

Vocal Range bottom: C5

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Voice Part: Soprano

Vocal Range top: A6

Vocal Range bottom: C5

CITIZENS OF NOOL - Jungle Creatures, the Citizens of Nool are real people at heart, just like us, even though they may be described as animal characters. Actors will not be using masks and literal “animal costumes”, but should try to create their own individual character with human characteristics.

Voice Part: Mixed Ranges

Vocal Range top: Db5

Vocal Range bottom: A3

THE GRINCH - As many people know, the Grinch is a grouch and he stole Christmas!

Voice Part: Bass/Baritone

Vocal Range top:

Vocal Range bottom:

YERTLE THE TURTLE - Yertle believes he has been endowed with some superior gifts not shared by the other animals and deserves a higher stature. He has a sense of entitlement and has a need for order. He likes to be the one who is looked to for decision-making and setting things right.

Voice Part: Mixed Ranges

Vocal Range top:

Vocal Range bottom:

VLAD VLADIKOFF - Vlad Vladikoff, a black-bottomed eagle, does the Wickershams’ dirty work. In his full glory, with his large imposing wing spread, he is scary and formidable. Actors playing this role should be powerful with precise movement.

Voice Part: Mixed Ranges

Vocal Range top:

Vocal Range bottom:

THING 1 & THING 2 The Cat's main helpers and an extension of his personality. Essence of mischief, fun, and imagination. They assist The Cat in many ways, either playing small roles or causing havoc. They have a presence in almost every scene. Strong singers and movers with good comic ability.

Voice Part: Mixed Ranges

Vocal Range top:

Vocal Range bottom:

YOUNG KANGAROO (ROO) - A baby kangaroo and a citizen of the Jungle of Nool. She is the Sour Kangaroo's daughter and does whatever her mother does. She's very sassy with lots of attitude.

THE BIRD GIRLS - Three sassy birds and citizens of the Jungle of Nool. The popular girls in any school - a clique of pretty, self-centered "back up birds" who do whatever Mayzie does. They often act as storytellers, picking up where The Cat left off.

THE WHOS - Citizens of Whoville on the Planet of Who. They're a lot like you and me only so small as to be invisible. They live in fear that their planet is in trouble.

THE CADETS - Cadets of General Schmitz' Military Academy and Citizens of Who. They bully Jojo. Not mean, just doing what they are told to do.

CIRCUS PERFORMERS AND ANIMALS - These are performers and animals in Circus McGurkus. Range from clowns to animals to gymnasts to break dancers. Must have a unique talent.

HUNTERS - They hunt and take Horton to the circus

HUNCHES - These are dancers that are visual representations of Jojo's thoughts or hunches

FISH - These are dancers that Jojo imagines are in McElligot's Pools

MARSHAL OF THE COURT - A bailiff in the trial

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